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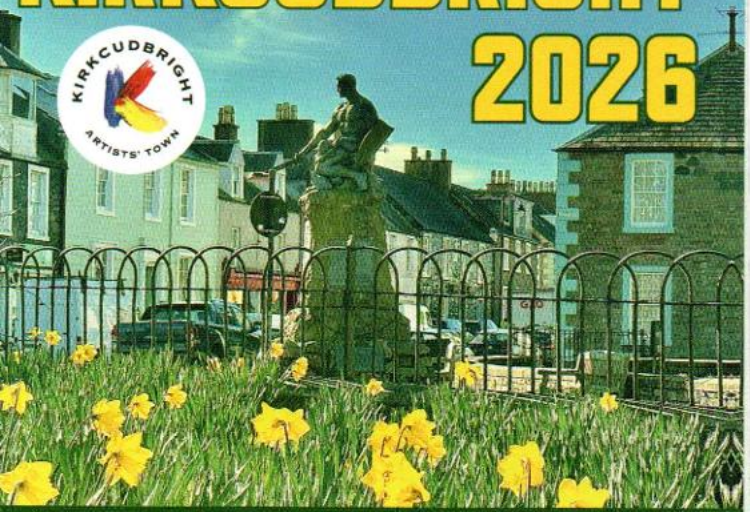

Events Guide

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St Mary Street, Kirkcudbright,
DG6 4AA
Telephone 01557 331 276

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Sunday:
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Free entry to both sites

Dumfries & Galloway Council

Kirkcudbright Tolbooth and Art Galleries
High Street, Kirkcudbright,
DG6 4JL
Telephone 01557 331 556

Summer Opening Times
Monday to Saturday:
10am - 4pm
Sunday:
1pm - 4pm

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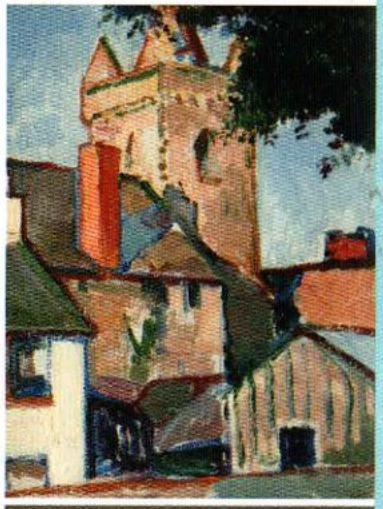

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KIRKCUDBRIGHT SUMMER FESTIVITIES 2026

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Kirkcudbright Summer Festivities is a voluntary organisation and many of our events are completely free to enjoy. With such a range of events, you are certain to find something you love.

Art & Crafts Trail

31st July - 3rd August 2026
Various times and venues.

A warm welcome awaits you in the vibrant Artists' Town of Kirkcudbright. Our award winning Art and Crafts trail weekend is a special opportunity to meet our artists' community. Lots of family friendly fun things to see and do and all for free. Featuring installations, music, galleries and pop up spaces with a chance to purchase something unique, it's a must see event. The trail has won the Epic Award for Scotland and Best Visitor Attraction in the Southwest.

Autumn Festival

3rd October 2026
Various times and venues.

Our Autumn Festival builds up during the week with lantern making, light displays around town, unique shops, galleries and cafes to visit, culminating with a lantern parade you can join in followed by a spectacular fireworks display on the Saturday night. Kirkcudbright is blessed with a castle, tolbooth, historic houses, a gallery of national importance and picturesque harbour. Even the funfair is in town. So come along and soak up the vibrant atmosphere in the Autumn light.

Kirkcudbright Summer Festivities was formed in 1971 and originally organised a few events during a six week period in the summer each year. Since then, the charity has evolved significantly and now organises and supports a packed calendar of events spanning ten months of the year. Kirkcudbright is a bustling, vibrant harbour town, with many independent shops to explore, loads to see and do and of course, a range of fantastic events to enjoy throughout the year.

Kirkcudbright Country Fair

18th - 19th July 2026
10am - The Carse - Paid Event.

A weekend full of entertainment, amazing arena shows, guest performers and display teams, craft tents, artisan food tents, plant stalls, the Official UK Wife Carrying Championships and much more. For the kids there's FREE fairground rides, amusements, face painting, inflatables, clown and magic shows.
Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/kirkcudbright

Kirkcudbright Tattoo

29th August 2026
7pm - 10pm - Paid Event.

The world comes to Kirkcudbright each August when our town puts on its most spectacular of shows, with a stunning explosion of creative performances culminating in a lone piper serenading the gathered crowd before the sky bursts into a shimmering firework display.
Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/kirkcudbright

Why Visit Kirkcudbright?

Kirkcudbright and the surrounding areas are the best kept secret in Scotland. Whilst many areas are packed with visitors, in Kirkcudbright you can still be the only people on the beach. Whether you visit Kirkcudbright for the stunning scenery, the wildlife & outdoor activities on offer, the great family attractions or you prefer to relax and take in the view from one of our many restaurants, bars, beaches or viewpoints, Kirkcudbright really has something for every style of holiday. There's so much to see and do, so we've listed just a few of the town's highlights:

- A packed events calendar throughout the year; something for everyone.
- Kirkcudbright has a great selection of places to eat and drink, with many of the local cafes and restaurants taking advantage of our fantastic local produce.
- Miles and miles of unspoilt coastline to explore.
- An ideal base for your activity holiday, whether it's walking, climbing, cycling or water sports.
- The town and its surroundings have all the stunning vistas of more well known areas.
- An abundance of wildlife, such as Red Kites, Pine Martens and Red Squirrels, with various opportunities to get up close and personal.
- The ideal family holiday location, with plenty of attractions, beaches to visit and space for the kids to run and explore.
- Kirkcudbright and the surrounding area are packed with history and culture; in fact there's even a castle in the middle of the town!
- The town has a lovely atmosphere and the community will make you feel welcomed and at home in Kirkcudbright.
- Unlike many areas of Scotland, Kirkcudbright is lucky to be virtually midge free.

Mar	5th - 8th	**Kirkcudbright Book Festival** various locations & times*
	22nd	**Farmers & Producers Market** Town centre 11am - 3pm
Apr	4th & 5th	**Easter Vintage Fair** Parish Church Hall 10am - 5pm*
	26th	**Farmers & Producers Market** Town centre 11am - 3pm
May	3rd	**Spring Plant Fair** Harbour Square 10am - 3pm
	10th	**Car Boot Sale** Harbour Square 10am - 2pm
	23rd	**Half Marathon & Buckland Burn Up** Hope Dunbar Park 11am
	24th	**Farmers & Producers Market** Town centre 11am - 3pm
June	6th & 7th	**Steampunk Weekend** Various venues, see website for details*
	14th	**Car Boot Sale** Harbour Square 10am - 2pm
	12th - 14th	**Kirkcudbright Jazz Festival** Various venues - see website for details*
	13th & 14th	**South of Scotland Horse Trails** Ringford, see website for details*
	20th & 21st	**Summer Vintage Fair** Parish Church Hall - 10am - 5pm*
	28th	**Farmers & Producers Market** Town centre 11am - 3pm
July	5th	**Kite Picnic** Gartshore Park 11am - 3pm
	12th	**Car Boot Sale** Harbour Square 10am - 2pm
	16th	**Kirkcudbright Pipe Band Night** Harbour Square 7pm - 8.30pm*
	17th	**Riding of the Marches** From Dee Walk, 7pm, throughout town*

July	18th & 19th	**Kirkcudbright Country Fair** The Carse 10am - 4pm
	19th	**UK Wife Carrying Championships** at the Country Fair, The Carse
	23rd	**Scottish Night** Harbour Square 7pm - 8.30pm
	25th	**KBT Youth Project Family Fun Day** Gartshore Park 1pm - 4pm
	26th	**Farmers & Producers Market** Town centre 11am - 3pm
	30th	**Scottish Night** Harbour Square 7pm - 8.30pm
	31st	**Art & Crafts Trail** 100 venues across the town 10am - 5pm
August	1st - 3rd	**Art & Crafts Trail** 100 venues across the town 10am - 5pm
	6th	**Scottish Night** Harbour Square 7pm - 8.30pm
	7th	**Maggie's Tour** From outside Selkirk Arms 7pm*
	8th	**Rotary Cycle Sportif** Starts opp. tennis courts 8.30am*
	9th	**Car Boot Sale** Harbour Square 10am - 2pm
	13th	**Scottish Night** Harbour Square 7pm - 8.30pm
	14th	**Maggie's Tour** From outside Selkirk Arms 7pm*
	20th	**Scottish Night** Harbour Square 7pm - 8.30pm
	21st	**Maggie's Tour** From outside Selkirk Arms 7pm*
	22nd	**The Grand Parade and After Party** From Millflats starting 2.15pm
	22nd	**Rotary Fun Day** Moat Brae from midday - 4pm*

August	27th	**Scottish Night** Harbour Square 7pm - 8.30pm
	28th	**Maggie's Tour** From outside Selkirk Arms 7pm*
	29th	**Floodlit Tattoo & Fireworks Display** St Cuthbert Street 7.30pm
	29th & 30th	**Big Weekend Vintage Fair** Parish Church Hall 10am - 5pm
	30th	**Classic Car Rally** Harbour Square 9.30 - 4pm
	30th	**Farmers & Producers Market** Town centre 11am - 3pm
September	3rd - 6th	**Kirkcudbright Fringe** Various times & venues - see website*
	6th	**Rotary Duck Race** Harbour Side - 3pm*
	6th	**Autumn Plant Fair** Harbour Square 10am - 3pm
	13th	**Car Boot Sale** Harbour Square 10am - 2pm
	19th & 20th	**Kite Festival** Gartshore Park 11am - 3pm
	27th	**Farmers & Producers Market** Town centre 11am - 3pm
	26th - 27th	**Lantern Making Workshops** Parish Church Hall 11am - 5pm
October	3rd	**Autumn Festival** Various venues & times - see website
	25th	**Farmers & Producers Market** Town centre 11am - 3pm
	31st	**Halloween Trail** Around town centre 5pm - 10pm
N	28th - 29th	**Kirkcudbright Christmas Market** Town centre 11am - 3pm

* - Some events are organised by a group outwith the Festivities

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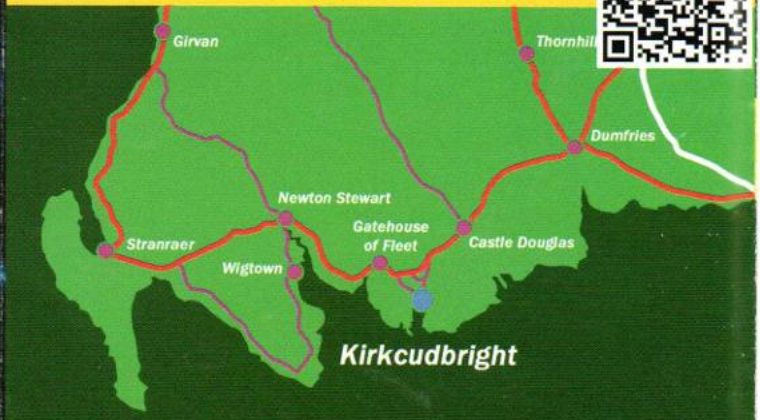
Our new event for 2026...

The Official UK Wife Carrying Championships

At our annual Country Fair this year we are going to be host to the Official UK Wife Carrying Championships. Taking place on the 19th July. See **www.kirkcudbright.town** for more information about this and our other events

Scan here for Ticket Sales



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